saw the testator Solomon Bodshon signe the foregoing will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory sworn before me the day and year aboveseid. Wm Knight Comm

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In the name of God amen the Twenty second day of November 1743 I Howell James of Cecil County in Maryland Mill wright being very weak in Body but of sound mind and memory thanks to God therefore Considering the mortality of my body do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it my body to the Earth trusting to receive it again at the General resurrection by the Mighty power of God and as for such Worldly Estate as pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as followeth —

Imprimis I give and bequeath to Sarah my well beloved wife during her widowhood all my household Goods and all my Stock of Cattle and horses hoggs and sheep and all Other moveables Except what is hereafter mentioned but if my said wife many then she is to have but her thirds as the law Directs and what is deducted by law out of this legacy bequeathed to my wife shall be Equally Devided between as many of my daughters as shall then be alive —

Item — I give to my well beloved Daughter a good new feather bed and bolster and two pillows all Containing Fifty five pounds of feathers even Good and sound feathers no worse than new also two good new sheets a Blanket and rugg or a good new quilt also a Brindle pide Cow and four sheep —

Item — I give to my Other four Daughters even to Anne Hannah, Sarah and Priscilla each of them a good new feather bed bolster and two pillows Each bed bolster and pillows Containing Fifty five pounds good sound feathers also two good new sheets a blanket a good new rugg or quilt also five pounds in money or a Cow to the Value thereof

Item — I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah my now dwelling house at the head of Sassafras together with three acres of land thereunto adjoyning together with one third part of my Grist mill on the head of Sassafras and all the Benifits and Appurtenances

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thereunto belonging during her widowhood but if she many she is to have but one third part of the Dwelling house and the land thereunto adjoyning and the other two thirds of the said house I give to my son William James but if William die without male heir then the said house to return to my son Benjamin and after my said wife's decease her said Dwelling house shall return to my son William and his heirs but if no heir as aforesaid then the said house and land to return to my son Benjamin James. but if my son Benjamin die without heir been a law full male heir then the said house and land to return to my son John James and his heirs and assigns but if my son John die without law full male heir then the said house and three acres of land shall return to be Equally Devided between as many of my Daughters as shall then be alive to them their heirs and assigns for and during the remainder of a term of Eighty years specified in my lease by which my said land is held. and as to the One third part of my Mill given to my wife as aforesaid and the appurtenances thereunto belonging she my said wife is to have and to hold during her widowhood Clear of all Charge of repairing or tending and in Case her partners in the said Mill should prove Negligent and let the Mill go out of repair and unprofitable then in such Case I give to my said wife full right power and Authority to take all the said Mill into her possession and forthwith to Employ workman and to get the said Mill put into good Order and to keep the said Mill in her possession untill all the Charge of repairing be paid Out of the Benifit of the two thirds of the said Mill belonging to her said partners and when all the Charges is paid or procured ready to be paid then the said partners shall each have it is part as at the beginning of their partnership but if my wife many then she is to have but her Even thirds of the said Mill and to be at Equall Cost with her partners in all respects and on all Accounts relating to the said Mill and after her my said wifes Decease the said third part of the said Grist Mill which my said wife held shall return to my son Benjamin and to his heirs and assigns during the remainder of the term above mentioned but if my son Benjamin die without a law full Male heir then his said third part of the Mill is to return equally between my two sons John and William — I also give to my son Benjamin three acres of land part of my Ten Acre lott lat out on the north side of the head of Sassafras for the use of the use of the said Mill the said three Acres to

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